

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend paragraph 6 on page 4 to read as follows:

It is another aspect of this invention to provide that the core includes a frusto-conical portion and a passage have having a closed end proximate the inlet and an open end portion proximate the outlet.

Amend paragraph 4 on page 5 to read as follows:

It is another aspect of the invention to provide that the method includes forming the tubular casing from sections of an elongate tube and forming the indentations before cutting the tube into sections and reducing at least one of the section ends by metal spinning following the core molding procedure.

Amend the paragraph bridging pages 7 and 8 to read as follows:

The permeable molded desiccant core 30 includes a binder and is molded in place within the casing after formation of the circular indentation 32 but before the transition portions 24 are formed. In the embodiment shown, the relatively short tubular casings 12 may be provided by sections cut from a relatively long copper tube. In this case the indentations may be created in the elongate tube prior to cutting the tube into sections. Also, in the embodiment shown, the tubular casing is formed of spun copper and the transition portions are created by the metal spinning process. The core 30 is molded in place and the cylindrical portion 32 of the core outer surface is in adhering contact engagement with the inside wall of the cylindrical casing portion 12 after the core is molded.

Because of this structural arrangement of parts, the circular indentation 22 is molded into the core material which is molded in place about the indentation. Following the core molding procedure the casing transition portions 24 are reduced to the generally funnel-shaped configuration shown and the inlet and outlet fittings 14 and 16 are emplaced at opposite ends.